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Suit Before Rent Commission Asks Decision on Co-operative Purchasing Plan.

The "co-operative sales apartment plan," recently inaugurated by Washington real estate agents was brought before the District rent commission this morning, when the commission was asked to render a decision as to whether the agents in such cases have authority to serve "ouster" notices on occupants of apartments which have been sold under the new plan.

The question came up in the case of Lulu I. Waters and others, versus Swartzell, Rhegn & Henney Company, agents for Pontanet Courts, 1400 Fairmont street northwest.

The tenants upon whom notices to vacate had been served presented to the commission arguments to show that the agents had no right to serve such notices. They claimed that the persons who had purchased the apartments had no authority to serve eviction notices, inasmuch as they had not yet become owners of the property, one clause of the contract of sale stipulating that until forty-four of the sixty-five apartments in the house had been sold, no actual sale of any one apartment could be declared consummated. In the case of the Pontanet Courts, the necessary number of apartments have not been sold, it was charged, and therefore the purchasers of individual apartments have merely been given long time leases on the property.

The only phase of the case which the commission will be able to decide is that of possession, and whether eviction of tenants has been legally brought about.

It was argued that, inasmuch as the eviction laws of the District require that property ordered vacated must be taken over by the owner himself, any eviction notice to be served on apartment house tenants must be served by the owner himself, and not by the agent and must state whether the property was wanted for possession by the owner.

The decision of the commission on this case is awaited with interest by the many persons in Washington who have taken advantage of the "co-operative" apartment house sales plan, as it is the first case of the kind to be brought before the commission and is looked upon as a test case.

When the rent commission reconvened this morning after a short summer vacation, it found twenty-one cases on the docket.

NEW COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS CITY CLUB

J. Thilman Hendrick Will Appear Sept. 22 and Miss Boardman Will Speak Sept. 29.

J. Thilman Hendrick and Miss Mabel T. Boardman, newly appointed District Commissioners, have consented to address weekly forum luncheons of the City Club, according to an announcement by John Walsh, chairman of the club's civics and forum committee.

Mr. Hendrick will be the club's guest at luncheon at 12:30 Wednesday afternoon at the clubhouse, Farragut Square, and Miss Boardman, who returns to the city on September 24, will be the club's guest Wednesday afternoon, September 29. J. A. Whitfield, president of the club, will preside at both luncheons.

Mr. Hendrick is an active member of the club and already is known personally to many of the members. His appointment to address the club will be his first public appearance since taking the office of District Commissioner.

The forum meetings have become so popular and have attracted such large crowds that the members of the club have been warned to appear by 12:30 if they want to be certain of a seat.

The Public Health Group of the club, after several of the activities groups at a meeting at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the clubhouse, will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the clubhouse.

BEGINS PASTORATE HERE.

The Rev. Jacob N. Pierce, of Dorchester, Mass., opened his pastorate at the First Congregational Church, Seventh and G streets northwest, by preaching both the morning and evening sermons yesterday. Dr. Pierce is a member of the board of trustees at Mr. Holyoke and Amherst colleges, and has pastored in Brooklyn and other large cities. He holds degrees from Amherst and Yale.

HOW OLD IS A BOY?

When you see in one column an advertisement for a young man "seventeen years old" and in the next one for a boy "eighteen years old," you wonder by what standards employers gauge their help. The "Times" want ad secured a good help in a very short time. You will be able to say the same. Phone a Want-ad to The Times—Main 6280.

FRANK L. BOYD, a Washingtonian, who has been selected as successor to James Shevlin, prohibition enforcement agent in New York. Mr. Boyd has a record of twenty-five years in the revenue service. While at El Paso, Tex., recently, he made a record for exceptionally good work in putting a stop to border liquor running.

WATCH

At River's Edge for Next Plunge of District's September Morn.

"LOOKERS" IN CLUB.

Strawberry Blonde Sheds
Clothes and Swims If
Boat Is Gone.

A club of Silent Nocturnal Watchers is being formed today at one of the big canoe clubs on the river near Glen Echo.

Reason:
A statuesque "strawberry blonde" beauty was called to the city early Saturday evening from the joys of camping life on the large island, just off the canal on the Broadwater.

Arrangements had been made to leave a canoe tied to the shore so she might come over when she returned late in the night.

But the owner of the canoe, which had been "borrowed," seeing it parked at the river's edge, seized it and paddled it away.

Now for the "intricate" part: The a.s.b. returning some time in the wee sma' hours, dismisses her escort at the car line, and blithely descends the hillside and makes for the canoe.

No car back to town; early, very early, in the morning, and being unable or unwilling to arouse the folks in the camp, she is confronted with the problem of finding an abode for the remainder of the night.

But not for long does she stand shivering in the cold and loneliness of the approaching dawn. Off come her garments, there is a steady splash in the chilly water, and your modern Amazon is headed for the other side.

A friendly rowboat takes her back to her feminine habilitments and she is back to camp, and the deed is done.

Therefore, a club of Silent Nocturnal Watchers is being formed today at the big club up the river.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HONORED BY VENEZUELA

Foreign Service School Gets Cup From Government of Southern Republic.

The Foreign Service School of Georgetown University has been honored twice by the Venezuelan government by the presentations of a silver loving cup and of a medal.

The silver loving cup, which is on exhibition in the office of the Inter-American High Commission in the Treasury Department, was won by the students of the school who went to Venezuela this summer to study conditions, and while there played several baseball games with Venezuelan teams. Their prowess won the cup.

The medal has been presented to Dr. Guillermo A. Sherwell, head of the Spanish department of the school, and is the medal for public instruction granted by the Venezuelan government to distinguished educators. Dr. Sherwell accompanied the students on their trip this summer.

D. C. SOCIETY WOMEN TO HOLD MEETING FOR COX

A mass meeting to open a local campaign for the support of Governor Cox and the League of Nations will be held at an early date by an organization of prominent Washington society women just been formed under the leadership of Mrs. Kate Abrahams.

Mrs. William Atherton Du Puy, national president of the League of American Penwomen, is chairman of the publicity committee. The women who have assisted Mrs. Abrahams in forming the organization, which have not been named, are Mrs. L. Saul, Mrs. E. R. Todd, Mrs. Norma B. Hussman, Mrs. Mary Rice Johnson, Mrs. Strother Smith, Mrs. George A. Ricker, Mrs. R. L. Bayton, Mrs. Frederick A. Young, Mrs. Murray C. Adams, Mrs. F. Taylor, Mrs. William Atherton Du Puy, Mrs. Crete Hutchison, Mrs. Harry H. Kinkaid, Mrs. Grace Porter Hopkins, Mrs. Monte Griffith, and Mrs. Rose Gouverneur Hoff.

EXPERTS DELVE IN BOOZE EVILS

J. Barleycorn to Be Dissected by Anti-Alcohol Congress at Raleigh Hotel.

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those countries adopt prohibition. Another interesting discussion will be the dual presentation of the dispensary system by former Commissioner of Internal Revenue Daniel C. Roper, who will discuss the results of its operation in South Carolina; and a discussion of the "Best System" in Sweden, which is similar to the South Carolina dispensary system, by Senator Alexis Bjorkman.

Post-war conditions and economic emergencies have prevented delegates from Poland and Germany from attending. Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium who was scheduled to appear at the Congress, sent word that at the last minute he would be unable to be present. Governor Hobby, of Texas, has sent a delegation composed entirely of women to the convention, and it is the only all-female representation at the congress.

MANY FOREIGN DELEGATES.
A feature of the congress is the large number of foreign delegates who will discuss papers. Nearly every member of the diplomatic corps has sent word that he has been delegated by his government to be present as a delegate.

A big pageant will be given tomorrow evening on the east plaza of the Capitol, under the direction of Marie Moore Forrest, director of Pageants of the District of Columbia Community Service. The performance will consist of a series of tableaux showing the progress of temperance since the early days until the passage of the Constitutional amendment which made the United States dry.

About 300 persons will participate in the pageant, and vested choirs from several Washington churches will assist the community chorus and about 150 young women from the Government departments. The performance will start at 8 o'clock. The Marine Band will play.

The roads and streets to some 200 public and private schools in Washington today were crowded with youngsters of every age and size. Nine strokes of the clock this morning sounded the death knell for summer vacation and 75,000 children returned to their schools.

There came those who were entering school for the first time—and just tiny tots of six and seven years—and there were those who entered last year and now have that supreme air over newcomers, and then came the boys and girls of the grades, and last, but not least, came the high school students.

The younger boys and girls came first. Next followed the grade students and the high schoolers. Just a few minutes before 9 o'clock were the high school boys and girls. But all were at their schools at 9 o'clock. None were late today.

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Counselor of Republic's Diplomatic Mission Makes First Address Here.

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Esmonde, whose father is an English nobleman, said that Ireland has ceased to be a question for Ireland, and is now a question for the English.

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With 250 members present, representing every State in the Union, the convention of the American Institute of Accountants opened this morning in the New Willard Hotel. This afternoon's program includes an informal meeting of members of the State boards of accountancy.

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The Longest Day of the Year

By Dick Mansfield, The Times Cartoonist.



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210,000 EXTRA IN PAY OF U. S.

Civil Service Employees Now Number 691,196, as Against 480,327 in 1916.

More than 1,000,000 persons were on the civil payroll of the United States Government at the peak of the war period, the Civil Service Commission announced today.

This is a "revision upward" of more than 150,000 over the highest previous estimate, and is due largely to late returns from various branches of the War Department, where large numbers of extra employees were brought in under "lump sum" appropriations with reference to civil service requirements.

This "peak force" has been reduced, in the twenty-two months since the armistice was signed, to 691,196 civil service employees, comprising those in the District of Columbia and in all other sections of the United States. This figure compares with 480,327 employees on June 30, 1916, the high-water mark before the war period.

While the process of reducing the Federal force of workers is continuous, it is not likely to show any marked decrease for a long time to come. The Navy Department had just from 22,455 before the war to 90,000, and the War Department's from 33,940 to 147,212. The vastly increased operations of the army and navy on a peace footing—the army being organized on a standing basis three times as large as it was three years ago, and the navy in the process of becoming the most powerful in the world—have made the organization of an enlarged civilian force necessary.

The Adjutant General's office maintained a huge clerical force to classify the draft records of the more than 4,000,000 men who went into the army during the war. Several hundred thousand of the internal revenue records are now in process of classification. They must be kept up to date, for the purposes of the War Risk Bureau and other Governmental agencies.

The Treasury Department also has increased its force more than 100 per cent in the past three years—it now has 70,336 employees, as against 30,629 in 1916. The increase is due chiefly to the work of the Internal Revenue Bureau in prohibition enforcement and taxation work. But a considerable share of it is absorbed in the work of the War Risk Bureau, although this force has been considerably curtailed.

The total of Federal workers in the District of Columbia is now 98,553, as against 34,477 on June 30, 1916.

TWO HURT BY AUTOS IN CAPITAL SUNDAY

Sophie Katzman, 80 Years Old, Struck and Injured Severely. Child Hit at Crossing.

Two persons were injured yesterday, one of them seriously, and the others had narrow escapes as a result of automobile accidents yesterday.

Sophie Katzman, eighty years old, of 1000 Tenth street northwest, is at the Emergency Hospital as a result of injuries received when she was struck by a taxicab at Ninth and Q streets' late last night. She is expected to recover. The aged woman has a broken left hand and a possible fracture of the skull. She was on her way home when the accident occurred.

Dorothy Schafer, nine years old, was struck and injured by an automobile while crossing Fourteenth and Columbia road yesterday. The mother, who was driving the car, was not injured. The child was taken to the hospital at 1432 Oakwood Terrace by Westcott.

J. D. Baltimore, of 1345 S street, northwest, had a narrow escape from injury yesterday when an automobile he was driving collided with another machine driven by Thomas Hennesey, of 1346 Oak street northwest, near Sixteenth and S streets late last night. Both cars were badly damaged.

"HATCHET" POINTS NEED
OF G. W. U. ENDOWMENTS

The need of adequate endowments for George Washington University is pointed out by President William Miller Collier in an article in the first issue of the Hatchet, weekly student publication, which made its appearance today.

President Collier says that friends of the university could not apply their money to a better purpose than donating it to the growing institution. He predicts an enrollment this year of 5,500.

The Hatchet was issued a little earlier than usual this fall so that copies might be distributed among the students as they register. It is printed with pages considerably larger than those of previous years and looks entirely different in make-up.

The Hatchet is edited this year by Harold E. Rhame, John G. Add, '22, is business manager, Waldo Clark, '23, and John G. Wilson, '22, are in charge of the news columns, and Helen Hadden, '22, is society editor. Russell I. Whyte, '21, is sporting editor; Ralph Nagle, '22, joke editor; and J. Foster Hagan, exchange editor. Bryan Morse, director of student activities, had general supervision of the editing of the first issue.

WOMAN SUES 2 COMPANIES.

Clara J. Keating today filed suit against the Capital Traction Company and Burr Brothers, Inc., for \$5,000 for alleged personal injuries. The plaintiff says that on April 16 last a truck owned by the latter company collided with a car on which she was a passenger at Eckington place northeast, injuring her seriously and permanently.

100 NEW PATIENTS DUE
AT WALTER REED OCT. 1

More than 100 soldier patients will be transferred from the Lovell General Hospital at Fort Sheridan, Ill., to the Walter Reed General Hospital in this city about October 1, the War Department announced today.

The Government is planning to close the Lovell hospital permanently. A number of the patients will be transferred to the post hospital at Fort Sheridan.

STAL REVOLVERS TWICE
FROM SAME AUTOMOBILE

The theft of several wrenches and a .32-caliber revolver from his car while it was parked on Pennsylvania avenue northwest, between Ninth and Tenth streets, last night, was reported to the police by J. W. Essex, of South Washington, Va.

Three weeks ago, when his car was parked in the same place, a .35-caliber revolver was stolen from it.

RALPH A. NORTON, who has been named private secretary to Commissioner J. Thilman Hendrick. Mr. Norton was former Commissioner Brownlow's secretary.

BOOST BLAMED ON HIGH WAGES

Head of Housing Corporation Explains Rate Increase at Plaza Hotels.

Numerous complaints are being received by the United States Housing Corporation as a result of the proposed increase from \$40 to \$50.50 a month for room and board paid by Government workers living at the dormitories, which goes into effect October 1.

According to a statement issued by Robert Watson, president of the U. S. Housing Corporation, the minimum wage act passed by Congress is largely responsible for the increase, as this act boosted the payroll of the help used at the dormitories approximately \$40,000 a year.

The statement also points out that last year a large list of provisions could be bought under contracts made by the general supply committee for all Government departments, but this year, owing to uncertainties in the market, many articles are not on contract and bills for provisions in July exceeded June bills by more than \$2,000. Other supplies, including coal, have increased under the schedule of must be purchased in open market.

The Housing Corporation estimated that the cost of the dormitories for 1920-21 will exceed the receipts at the present rate by over \$100,000, and this estimate cannot be lowered, it is claimed, unless the standard of service is appreciably lowered.

In one of the letters received by Mr. Watson, one of the women living at the dormitories suggests that thousands of dollars could be saved to the women who make their meals at the dormitories if they would wash up themselves. Others suggest that many of the employees now working there could be discharged, and that their absence would not be felt to any material extent.

According to a letter sent to The Times by "Six Indignant War Workers," indignation meetings have been held in the various buildings in regard to the proposed increase.

At the present time there are approximately 1,800 women employed by the Government living at the dormitories. There are twelve buildings, each containing a single room and 20 double rooms, with a total of 162 beds in each house.

The executive staff of each house consists of one manager, who receives \$100 a month with room and board, and two assistants, who receive from \$40 to \$50 a month with room and board, depending upon the length of service. Each house has six maids and one janitor, which are cleaned every day with general cleaning, including the moving of all furniture once a week.

It is understood that the war workers are planning to storm their Congressmen and members of the Senate, telegrams and letters protesting against the increase and asking that the present rates remain as they are.

FIRST STONE OF D. C. SHRINE IS RECEIVED